

CITY OF WASILLA

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Requested by: Council Task Force Prepared by: Administration and Councilman Palin

RESOLUTION NO. WR 94-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASILLA, ALASKA WELCOMING THE RESPONSIBLE USE OF SNOWMACHINES WITHIN THE CITY OF WASILLA.

WHEREAS, the use of snowmachines is part of our Alaskan life including recreation, sport and transportation; and

WHEREAS, Wasilla families desire access to recreation areas from within city neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Mat-Su Motor Mushers Club, Alaska Snowmachine Club and local outdoor enthusiasts endorse the safe and responsible use of snow vehicles and the protection of private property rights; and

WHEREAS, safety and esthetics dictate the separation of motorized and non-motorized uses; and

WHEREAS, the operation of <u>any</u> motor vehicle including a snowmachine while under the uence of drugs or alcohol is a crime; and

WHEREAS, Bumpus Ballfield is available to establish wintertime staging areas for parking. access to trails and designated Parks Highway crossings; and

WHEREAS, serious safety concerns exist for the operation of snowmachines in the congested Parks Highway corridor in downtown Wasilla.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Wasilla City Council welcomes the <u>responsible</u> use of snowmachines within the City limits and which use conforms to State regulations especially and including:

Registration and numbering of machines; following rules for safe operation on public rights-of-way; parental responsibility for children operating machines; required lights, brakes, muffler and other equipment; yielding to vehicular traffic and

keeping safely away from non-motorized use areas, obeying speed restrictions, obeying posted speed, safety and regulatory signs and <u>wearing protective helmets</u>; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council supports the use of staging areas to provide parking, access to trails, designated Parks Highway crossings, and for the management of owmachine use through the publishing, posting and signing of appropriate information and gulations; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council supports business owners posting their property and welcoming snowmachines to their businesses.

I certify that a resolution in substantially the above form was passed by a majority of those voting at a duly called and conducted meeting of the governing body of the City of Wasilla this 10 day of 1994.

John C. Stein, Mayor

ATTEST:

Erling P. Nelson, CMC

City Clerk

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